



A CELEBRATION OF AMERICAN CULTURE IN GREECE

June 18 - June 30 in Athens

American Roadside Architecture Photo Exhibition

Athinais Cultural Center, Museum Gallery Hall



"For more than 25 years, architectural historian John Margolies has crisscrossed the continental United States, camera in hand, to capture and preserve images of this vanishing tradition, inspired by the automobile, in American commerce. The photographs are gleaned from thousands of images taken during his 100,000-mile quest and present a portrait of a more innocent time in America, when business people could fulfill their dreams by hanging out a sign by the roadside and make a good living by catering to the needs of the motoring public."

For visiting hours, contact Athinais:

visit: www.Athinais.com.gr, or call (+30) 210 348 0000, 34-36 Kastorias Street, 104 47 Athens.

The exhibition was organized by the Cultural Programs Division of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington D.C. and is co-sponsored in Athens by the Greek Architects Association and the American Embassy. Entrance is free.

July 6 at 9:30 pm in Patras

Barbara Hendricks Jazz Concert

Ancient Theater of Patras with The Magnus Lindgren Quartet



"Soprano Barbara Hendricks, an international opera star, was born in Arkansas, USA and received her musical training and her Bachelor of Music at the Julliard School of Music in New York. She made her jazz debut at the Montreux Jazz Festival in 1994 and has since then performed regularly in renowned jazz festivals throughout the world. Barbara Hendricks has toured Japan with von Karajan (1977), Bernstein (1985), with the Vienna State Opera (1986) and the Hamburg Opera (1996). In addition to her busy concert and opera schedule in Europe and in the United States, she alternates every other year with extensive

tours to the Far East or Latin America and performs regularly at international music festivals worldwide. She made her American and European operatic debuts in 1974 at the San Francisco Opera and at the Glyndebourne Festival and went on to appear at all major opera houses throughout the world, including the Paris Opera, the Metropolitan Opera, Covent Garden and La Scala."

Ms. HenFor information & tickets, contact Half Note Productions: visit www.half-note.com, email mail@half-note.com, or call (+30) 210 600 2802.

This concert is presented by Half-Note productions under the auspices of U.S. Ambassador to Greece Thomas J. Miller.

June and July

Choir Festivals in Greece

Performances of Greek and American choirs and dance groups in Greece, including the award-winning Monte Vista High choirs from Danville, California (June 26-27 at the 17th Choir Festival of Kifissia) and the Young Champions International Show Team (July 18 at the Markopoulo Festival).

For information & tickets, contact:

www.markopoulo.gr, email info@markopoulo.gr, call 22990-20104 or 20141 or fax: 229 902 5574

July 25 in Athens

The Virginia Youth Symphony Orchestra

The Atrium, Athens Megaron Concert Hall

The Virginia Youth Symphony Orchestra is an award-winning youth orchestra that blends players in grades six through twelve. The orchestra performs professional literature from the classical era plus Broadway, pop, movie scores and other modern music -- including works from rock bands, gospel choirs, and jazz ensembles. The VYSO's goal is first and foremost to offer the best environment and setting for the development of rich musical and group skills of young people and to also provide outstanding repertoire and performances to the community at large.

For information & tickets, contact:

www.megaron.gr or call (+30) 210-72 82 333

August 9 - September 30 in Athens

Paul Pfeiffer Video Art Exhibition

Melina Mercouri Cultural Center



"Paul Pfeiffer's video installations hold icons of popular culture hostage through savvy digital editing. Referring to his work as "video sculptures," Pfeiffer reformats film footage from Hollywood movies and sporting events to catch movie stars and sports heroes in moments of extreme emotion . . . context shows shaky transitions and editing "mistakes" to communicate to his viewer the physical labor involved in the video's production, a twenty-first century equivalent to brushstrokes on canvas." -- The Board Art Foundation

Paul Pfeiffer was born in Honolulu, HI, in 1966 and came to New York in 1990. Solo shows have been organized at Duke University Museum of Art, Charlotte, NC (2000) and The Project, New York (1998). His work has been featured in group shows at the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York (2000), The Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago (2000), Greene Naftali Gallery, New York (1999) and Art In General, New York (1999).

For information, contact the Melina Mercouri Cultural Center:

call (+30) 210 345 2150 or visit 66 Irakleidon & Thessalonikis in Thiseio, 9:00-13:00 and 17:00-21:00, except Mondays and Sunday afternoons.

The exhibition has been organized by the Cultural Programs Division of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State, in collaboration the American Embassy in Athens and Technopolis / Municipality of Athens.

September 12, 13 & 14 in Athens

The San Francisco Ballet

Herod Atticus Theater



The mission of San Francisco Ballet is to share the joy of dance with its community and around the globe and to provide the highest caliber of dance training in its School. San Francisco Ballet seeks to enhance its position as one of the world's finest dance companies through its vitality, innovation, and diversity and through its uncompromising commitment to artistic excellence based in the classical ballet tradition.

" [San Francisco Ballet] now stands in that major league once consisting only of New York City Ballet and American Ballet Theater...." -Clive

Barnes, critic for the New York Post and Dance Magazine

For information & tickets, contact Hellenic Festival SA:

visit www.hellenicfestival.gr, call the Switchboard (+30) 210 928 2900 for theatres, box offices & reservations, or visit Central at 39 Panepistimiou (in the arcade), Mon.-Fri. 8:30-16:00, Sat. 9:00-21:30.

This event is presented in collaboration with the American-Hellenic Arts Center of Halandri and the American Community Schools of Athens (ASC), under the auspices of the American Embassy in Athens.

September 28- October 16 in Athens

Barbara Crane Photo Exhibit

Hellenic American Union



Barbara Crane, internationally recognized photographer and renowned educator, has explored photography as a vehicle for creative expression for over fifty years. The result has been a changing, ongoing body of work conceptually consistent, varied in approach and experimental in style. An early investigator of repetition and the destruction of visual information, she has experimented with sequences, grids, large modular murals and scrolls. Crane continues to work in many formats ranging from the intimate to the large scale, and utilizing diverse processes including

platinum, unique Polaroids, digital images and gelatin silver.

The exhibition is organized by the Hellenic American Union in cooperation with the American Embassy in Athens and the Thessaloniki Museum of Photography.

And ...

Useful Links

- What's New at the **Hellenic American Union** in Athens, Greece (<http://www.hau.gr/hau/jsp/en/calendar.jsp>)

- **What's New at the American-Hellenic Arts Center of Halandri**



"The brand new "American-Hellenic Halandri Arts Center" wishes to serve as a valuable cultural contribution to the Athenian community. Its rich cultural program . . . full of art, music, dance and theatre events, proves that the Center's goal will be easily achieved. Great names of the Greek and international artistic scene are hosted, such as Alecos Fassianos (painter), Pericles Koukos (composer), Eleftheria Arvanitaki (singer), the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and the marvelous troupe Dance Theater of Harlem (pictured at left). The American-Hellenic Arts Center of Halandri Association was created in order to host professional musical and theatrical performances of public and private cultural organizations, educational institutions, film festivals, seminars, conferences and other similar functions." -www.cultureguide.gr

For information & tickets, contact: www.ticketservices.gr or phone: (+30) 210 639 3341

More American-Hellenic Cultural Happenings

A periodic listing of cultural events taking place around Greece and featuring American artists.

All productions are organized by the Athens Center in cooperation with the American College of Greece and the Fulbright Foundation in Athens

Classic Theater Festival -- University of Utah

Colonus

Directed by Sandy Shotwell

June 21, Spetses Amphitheater, Anargyrios Foundation

The Theater Company -- University of Florida Gainesville

The Taming of the Shrew

Directed by Judith Williams

June 19, Spetses Amphitheater, Anargyrios Foundation

The Classic Theater Company -- The University of Detroit

The Trojan Women

Directed by Arthur Beer

Narcissus and Echo, a musical comedy

Directed by Mary Bremer

July 1 and 2 Spetses Amphitheater, Anargyrios Foundation

July 5 and 6 Loutraki Amphitheater, Poseidon Club

July 8 and 9 Athens, Open - Air Theater of Papagou

Information and invitations from the Athens Centre, 48 Archimidous Street.
Tel: 210 701226, fax 210 7015242, e mail: greekciv@ath.forthnet.gr

For more listings and information about events and concerts, please visit the following web sites:

<http://www.cultureguide.gr>

<http://www.megaron.gr>